

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Joyce Hinrich, President

As the fiscal year comes to an end for the Friends, we are on the way to finding ways to meet the growing needs of the Tempe Public Library - memberships have remained strong, budgets have to be put in place, and new fundraising ideas are being explored. We continue to be grateful to our membership for their on-going support. The library is a marvelous asset to our community and we are proud to be part of it.

We do have two pressing needs. The Friends is governed by a board of 15 volunteers who meet once a month to direct fundraising and spending on behalf of the membership at large. The Board is two members short. We need two Friends who would like to be more directly involved. Please contact us at 480-350-5599 if you would like to serve with us on the board.

Secondly, our donations of used books is drastically down lately. Please donate your used books to support Library activities. Use our book drop boxes at the Bashas at McClintock and Southern, Whole Foods at Rural and Baseline, or Safeway at

McClintock and Elliot, or bring your donations directly to the Library Check-Out desk. It's spring cleaning time - trade in the books you have read to the Friends and buy used books you haven't read at our book corner in the library. Everyone benefits.

As my tenure as president of the board of the Friends nears its end, I must thank the other board members, the many volunteers who help with book donations and sales, and the very supportive staff of the Library. I have great confidence in the new slate of Friends officers and the dedicated members of the board and members of the Friends. Tempe is lucky to have a great Library and involved citizens like the members of the Friends.

WANTED: Books!

Donate your used books to the library Check-Out desk OR any of our other convenient locations:

Bashas at 3115 N. McClintock

Safeway at 1515 E. Elliot

Whole Foods at 5120 S. Rural

ABOVE THE STACKS

by Teri Metros,
Library Administrator

The spring months are traditionally very busy ones for the Library. Our Youth Services staff are deep into planning for the annual summer reading program and scheduling school visits to promote the program. The Adult Services staff is busy helping students of all ages with their research and information needs and assisting them in the use of the Library's public access computers.

This spring was even busier than ever, since we are in the midst of migrating to a new automated system that will replace our old Inlex system that has been in place since 1989. Converting to a new system is a massive undertaking that requires a great deal of preparation and planning by both Library staff and the City's Information Services team. New hardware must be acquired and

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the library's old data must be converted in a format acceptable to the new system. Hundreds of decisions have to be made about how the catalog will look, how it will be indexed, etc. Needless to say, this is a major endeavor. Initial training on the new system will begin in May, and we anticipate that the new catalog will come on board in late August. This is not a moment too soon for many of our users are increasingly frustrated with the slowness of our current system and its limited searching capabilities. As a happy as this one group will be, we also know that the current catalog is an old friend to another group of library users who may not wish to learn the intricacies of a new catalog. We will be working hard to ease the frustrations of both groups over the coming months.

Youth Services Librarian Recognized as Volunteer Site Supervisor of the Year

The focus of our summer activities is the Youth Library and the very popular summer reading program. Our very talented Youth Services team has once again planned a series of events and

programs that will result in a fun-filled and educational summer for Tempe youth. Program activities will be offered not only at the central library, but also at the Library Resource Centers located within the Westside and Escalante Multi-generational Centers. More information about the Library's teen and children's reading programs can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

One of the key factors in the success of the Summer Reading Program is the support that we receive from our teen volunteers, not only during the summer months, but throughout the year. We were, therefore, especially pleased when Youth Services Librarian Judi Pimentel was recognized as the City of Tempe's Volunteer Site Supervisor of the Year at the recent Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Over the course of a year, Judi supervises four different sets of teen volunteers including the Youth Volunteer Corps, Computer Assistants, Summer Reading Volunteers, and Book-Mates. Each of the four volunteer groups has from 10 to 35 members and performs different functions requiring Judy to train on different applications, provide job-specific orientations, devise work schedules for each group, not to mention the ongoing supervision and record keeping requirements. Judi's strong personal commitment to the youth volunteer program in the library and her special rapport with young people has been a tremendous benefit to the Library and the youth in the program.

Chapter-A-Day Online Book Club

With the growth of information technology and the increasing presence of computer workstations at home and at work, the Library has a growing group of online customers who are able to access research and information resources via the Library's web page. These resources include special guides to sites on the Internet, reading lists, full-text magazines, newspapers, and electronic books on line, and specialized research databases. One of the newest additions is the Chapter-A-Day Online Book Club. Library users who register with Chapter-A-Day receive via e-mail a five minute selection from a book or spoken word audio recording each day, Monday through Friday. The program's goal is to give the reader or listener a taste of the book or recording. After e-mailing two or three complete chapters, another book is started. If one likes a specific Chapter-A-Day offering, he or she can request it at the Library. One may register for the program by visiting the Library's Web site and selecting from a list of five online clubs. The *Original Book Club* offers a variety of books from fiction to non-fiction, self-help to inspirational—books that will capture one's interest and imagination. A new book is offered every week. The *Audio Online Book Club* provides a daily selection of both fiction and non-

fiction audio books. The *Business Book Club* delivers the latest ideas in marketing, management, customer service, and e-commerce. The *Teen Book Club* features mysteries, comedies, true-life adventure, and even some science fiction for readers 13 years of age and older. The *Good News Book Club* showcases books that can be shared by the entire family and will one laugh, cry, and really think about what is important in life. The Chapter-A-Day program is great way to spark your interest in reading and get connected to the Library's online resources. The program is just a click away at www.tempe.gov/library.

ON THE SHELF

Kim Garza, Collection Management Librarian



Burt, Guy. *The Hole*. Fiction B9735AF 2001

This slight novel written when Burt was 18 is not for any one with a hint of claustrophobia.

In an unnamed British school, prankster Martyn lures five students (two girls, three boys) into a hidden underground area of the school, where he proceeds to lock them in. He has promised them he will return to let them out in 3 days, but his willing victims don't realize that Martyn has no inten-

tion of ever coming back to release them. Be prepared to stay up late finishing this tense and suspenseful read.

Charles, Kate. *Cruel Habitations*. Fiction C4757CR

This detailed and interesting British import contains two story lines that intersect and eventually converge. Chris and Sophie Lilburn move from London to the Cathedral town of Westmead for Chris to pursue his career in the Cathedral Choir and School. While Chris is busy at work Sophie at first is an observer of the goings on in the close where they live, and then gets drawn into the lives of their neighbors who all have secrets involving the Cathedral and town.

Recently divorced Jacquie Darke has just buried her father, and is now searching for her sister Alison who had been kicked out of the house eleven years earlier. Her search eventually leads her to Westmead where there had been an unsolved murder of a young woman many years earlier. This tale is full of fascinating characters, and is a cross between Barbara Pym and P. D. James.

Cheek, Mavis. *Mrs. Fytton's Country Life*. Fiction C5147MF



Angela Fytton had always considered herself the perfect wife and mother, so she is

especially shocked when she loses her husband Ian to another woman. Angela is determined to get her husband back, and devises a very devious scheme. She moves to the country, and leaves her teenage children in London with her husband and his new wife.

Surprisingly Angela finds she loves the country, and does not miss her old life as much as she thought she would. This ironic novel is domestic comedy at its best, for all lovers of Joanna Trollope and Maeve Binchy.



Chessman, Harriet Scott. *Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper*. Fiction C5248LY

This is a beautiful novelized account of the relationship between Mary Cassatt and her older sister Lydia. Lydia never married, and while living with her sister in Paris, she becomes her reluctant model. Mary strives to capture her love for her sister in her portraits as Lydia tragically struggles with Bright's disease.

This is a moving spare account about family love, which includes gorgeous color plates of the Cassatt paintings.

Join the Friends!

Applications are available at the library or log-on to our website at:

www.tempe.gov/library/friends

News from the Youth Library

By Sherry Warren,
Youth Library Supervisor

Starlight Planetarium

Starlight Planetarium Productions will be presenting eight 45-minute constellation shows at the library for children 6 to 12 years of age. Presentations will be on Fridays, June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26. There will be a 10:00am and an 11:00 am show on each date. **Registration is required.** Registration for the June presentations begins on June 1st. Registration for the July programs begins on July 1st. Call 350-5522 to register or for more information.

Book-Mates

Kids and teens reading together! This free program for **4 to 7 year olds** matches each child with a teen for an hour of reading time. *Book-Mates* may help the pre-reader develop a positive attitude towards reading while listening to quality stories read aloud by their mate. *Book-Mates* may also help early elementary reading students gain confidence and retain skills by reading aloud with their mate.

Session I, Thursdays, June 7 – June 28 from 10:00-11:00am in the YLMR.

Session II, Thursdays, July 5- July 26 from 10:00-11:00am in the YLMR.

Registration for Session I begins Tuesday, May 29, 2001

Registration for Session II begins Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Parents can register their **4 to 7 year olds** for one or both sessions by calling the Youth Library Reference Desk at 480-350-5522. **Space is limited.**

Lights! Camera! Action! Teen Summer Reading 2002

If you are in 7th to 12th grade, read on! Beginning on **Tuesday, May 28**, you can come to the Youth Library and register for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Then use your reading log to keep track of your reading time and return to the library for some great prizes! This year's Teen Summer Reading is sponsored by Harkins Theaters with generous support from Borders Books, Phoenix Mercury, Sonic Drive-Ins, Tempe Camera and the Friends of the Tempe Public Library. The last day to register for this free program is Saturday, July 21. The last day to earn prizes is **July 28th**.



**EXTRA!
EXTRA! READ
YOUR WAY to
the BALLPARK,**

the 2002 summer reading club begins **Tuesday, May 28** and continues through Saturday, **July 27**. Children and/or their parents must come to the library to register and receive their gameboard. Participants who track daily reading will earn prizes. This year, prizes include stickers, doorknob hangers, and plastic bookmarks, stencil rulers and soft baseballs. Children will earn a book of their choosing if they finish the program. The last day to pick up prizes is Sunday, **August 11**. This program is free because of its many sponsors.

The Friends of the Library have been staunch supporters of the summer reading program and the youth library in general. They generously allocated funds to provide programs and prizes and T-shirts for staff and volunteers. Their generosity continues to make each summer program a winner. The Diamondbacks, the Arizona Republic and Tempe Transit are additional sponsors.

Calendar of Activities

Participants will receive a calendar of free programs upon registration in the Summer Reading Club. No registration is required.

Summer Reading Celebration Party

Celebrate reading on **Saturday, June 1** with two extraordinary shows by magician-juggler Craig Davis. No registration is necessary for the 9:30am and 11:00am performances in the lower level program room. Children can register in the Youth Library for the Summer Reading Club and make a desert chicken to take home.

The Summer Reading Club is Coming Soon!

At this time every year, I make a lengthy list of everything that the youth staff needs to accomplish before the first day of the summer reading club. Preparation is hard work and there is always the worry that something important will be forgotten. But it all works out because each youth staff member has a personal commitment to make it a wonderful experience for our patrons. We want summer time to be fun for everyone! It is the time when the youth library is most alive. The

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Tempe Public Library

Calendar of Events

Summer 2001

Youth Library



<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Grand Opening Celebration: Magician-Juggler Craig Davis	June 1	9:30 & 11:00am
Great Arizona Puppet Theater: Jackrabbit and the Desert Tortoise	June 3	10:00am
Treasure Box Craft	June 5	10:00am
Toddler Storytime: Purr-fect Pets	June 10	10:00am
Rich Ihle, Reptile Adventures	June 12	10:00am
Balloon Delight: The Peace of Father's Day	June 17	10:00 & 11:00am
Phoenix Zoo: Rainforest Adventures	June 19	10:00am
Diamondbacks Organist, Bobby Freeman	June 24	10:00am
Toddler Storytime: Quack, Quack and Moo	June 26	10:00am
Mother Goose	July 1	10:00am
Fourth of July Crafts	July 3	10:00am
Toddler Storytime: Sea & Shore	July 8	10:00am
Magical Michael Steele	July 10	10:00am
Aces Clown Band	July 15	10:00am
Craft	July 17	10:00am
Toddler Storytime: Down on Grandpa's Farm	July 22	10:00am
Great Arizona Puppet Theater: Rapunzel	July 24	10:00am

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library is bustling with kids looking for books. Parents are reading to their young ones. The Family Corner is alive with the sound of play and mothers chatting. The summer reading volunteers are busy registering children and the sound of laughter is everywhere. Wouldn't you like to be a part of it?

Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

This is the roster of officer nominees for the Friends board for 2002-2003. All members are invited to serve on the Friends' board. All members are also invited to attend the annual members meeting in the board room, second floor of the library,

on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

President: Janet Woolum
Vice President: Joyce Hinrichs
Treasurer: Audrey Kedsle
Secretary: Mark Bartlett



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